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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 2 as shown rewritten below with amendments effected therein. Appendix I is attached hereto having marked versions of said claims with amendments indicated by brackets and underlining.

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2. (Amended) The vibration isolator as set forth in claim 1, wherein the notch groove for drainage has the depth substantially equal to or a little shallower than the thickness of the stopper rubber from the top surface to the outer circumferential surface.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract with the substitute abstract submitted on the following separate page.

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ABSTRACT

A vibration isolator having a stopper function being able to prevent accumulation of water penetrating onto the top surface of a flange, and allowing the dies axially to be parted, includes a cylindrical body fitting connected to an upper side attachment fitting having a flange for the stopper via a vibration isolating substrate. A cylindrical stopper fitting extending outside the vibration isolating substrate up to above the flange is fixed to the body fitting, being folded inside so that the upper extremity portion of the stopper fitting lies above the flange. A stopper rubber is provided on the top surface and outer circumferential portion of the flange. The flange abuts the stopper fitting through the stopper rubber when the upper side attachment fitting moves substantially. A notch groove for drainage continuous from the top surface to the outer circumferential portion is provided at at least one place circumferentially on the stopper rubber.

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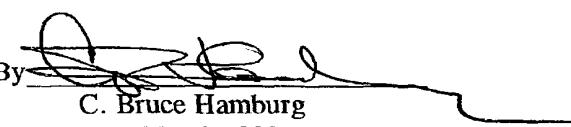
The substitute Abstract complies with the requirement that the Abstract not exceed approximately 150 words in length.

Claim 2 has been amended to correct an obvious clerical error.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

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APPENDIX I

AMENDED CLAIMS WITH AMENDMENTS INDICATED THEREIN BY BRACKETS AND UNDERLINING

2. (Amended) The vibration isolator as set forth in claim 1 [or 2], wherein the notch groove for drainage has the depth substantially equal to or a little shallower than the thickness of the stopper rubber from the top surface to the outer circumferential surface.

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